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Torch re-lights passion of '88

Thousands gather for flame's Calgary debut

VANCOUVER
2010 Games

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Olympic fever has lit the city on fire.

Although the 2010 Olympic Games are in Vancouver, over 20,000 Canadians celebrated the Olympic torch relay at Olympic Plaza as if it were 1988 again.

Sporting her '88 Calgary Olympic Games volunteer jacket, Muriel Lacoste was swept up in the excitement and the emotion of the torch celebrations last night.

"It's so exciting to look around and see so many people proud to be Canadian. It brings back a lot of memories of the games in Calgary," Lacoste said.

"I think it's great so many young people who were only three or four are older now and get to experience something like this. It's amazing."

Former Olympian Karyn Garossino reminisced



Dragons' Den host and Calgary entrepreneur Brett Wilson signs autographs at Olympic Plaza last night after carrying the torch in an "exciting and emotional" atmosphere.

about '88 while celebrating with her children and husband.

"This is really nostalgic, and it's exciting to see so many people who were involved with the '88 Olympics here today. It brings back a lot of great memories," she said.

Dragons' Den host and torchbearer Brett Wilson said he was overcome with emotion as he ran the torch down Macleod Trail.

"I was surprised at how many people lined the streets, and I was surprised at how emotional it was — especially when I took the torch in my hands," he said. Coca-Cola officials who have been with the torch in every city said there was something special about Calgary.

"You can really feel the passion and the Olympic spirit here. It's great to see such enthusiasm," Leigha Cotton said.

With the cauldron's ignition by a grown-up Robyn Perry, who lit the original Calgary Winter Olympic cauldron and now bears the surname Ainsworth, and O Canada echoing in the air, the roar of thousands of Calgarians brought Kim Mandel to tears.

"I wasn't alive for the '88 Olympics, but I can just imagine it was even more amazing. I'm so proud of our city, and our country," she said.

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Robyn Ainsworth, formerly Robyn Perry, who lit the Olympic cauldron for the 1988 Calgary Winter Games, carries the torch to light the cauldron once again for yesterday's Calgary celebration of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic torch run.

Memorial held in city for reporter

SERVICE Hundreds lined the pews at First Alliance Church in Calgary yesterday for the memorial of a city journalist killed in Afghanistan.

Friends, family, colleagues and several dignitaries celebrated the life of award-winning Calgary Herald reporter Michelle Lang, 34, who died alongside four Canadian soldiers when their vehicle was struck by an IED outside Kandahar city on Dec. 30.

Lang was the first Canadian journalist to die while covering the country's mission in Afghanistan.

Her funeral service was held last week in her native Vancouver.



Michelle Lang

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Police seeking vehicle, body in suspected murder

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CRIME Police are investigating a possible homicide and seek crucial evidence to lead them to the victim.

Police spokesperson Kevin Brookwell said some-

one called 911 on Sunday around 12:30 p.m., reporting a man may have been killed in the 200 block of Falshire Way NE.

Once at the home, the tactical team took a man and a woman into custody and found evidence leading them to believe a crime

had occurred, Brookwell said.

"We believe we knew who the victim is ... and believe the victim and suspect are known to each other."

The woman has been released and the man, known to police, remains in custody. Both were "unco-oper-

ative."

Police are seeking a black 1999 GMC Denali with Alberta licence plates ZND-189. The vehicle has damage on its front end and the hood is painted flat black.

"We do believe that vehicle will hold a critical piece of evidence ... or may hold

that victim," Brookwell said.

Police are also looking for "multiple-edged weapons" wrapped in a green towel believed to have been discarded in an alley near 68th Street NE between 32nd and 37th avenues.

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Haitian benefit show

In an attempt to support relief efforts in Haiti, Christian musicians from Western Canada are converging on Calgary for a concert called *We Must Do Something*. The free event is scheduled for tomorrow at 7 p.m. at Centre Street Church. Two-time Juno award-winning singer/guitarist Steve Bell and Dove award-winning vocalist Carolyn Arends will perform. Admission is free, but donations will be taken with proceeds going to Samaritan's Purse Canada.

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Explosion levels SE home

Area residents shaken by 4 a.m. blast at apparently vacant house

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Neighbours were shaken from their sleep as a southeast Calgary home inexplicably exploded, flattening the home and damaging those surrounding the site.

Fire crews responded to multiple reports a home in the 1400 block of Pennsburg Dr. SE ruptured just after 4 a.m. yesterday, as debris flew across the street damaging several cars and others homes, leaving a bare foundation in its wake.

Dharmendra Vijay, his wife and two kids were asleep when the neighbouring home exploded.

"The entire house shook and everything just went flying across the house. We're very lucky our bedrooms are on the other side of the house and no one



Firefighters survey what little is left of a Penbrooke home explosion early yesterday.

was hurt," Vijay said.

"We just completely renovated the house and now

everything is damaged."

Cameron Kardash was about to leave his home for

work when the home detonated.

"I just saw a burst of or-

ange flames through my window and I dove on the ground. My first instinct was to run, but I had nowhere to go," he said, adding he feels lucky to be alive.

"If I didn't stop to make some breakfast for myself, I could have been outside when it happened. Anyone outside would have definitely got hurt."

Neighbours said no one has been around the home for the last couple of weeks, and fire spokesperson Jeff Budai believes nobody was injured.

"That's the challenging part because the majority of the neighbours believe the house was vacant, but we can never be sure," Budai said.

"It's hard to say what caused the explosion and we probably won't know until (today) after we go through what's left."

City to audit snow and ice program

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POLITICS It was a snow day on city council, with two motions springing hearty debate on the future of the city's snow and ice removal program.

While the debate initially centred upon Ald. Diane Colley-Urquhart's motion looking into required snow tires on Calgary vehicles, and Ald. Ric McIver's catch-all of snow and ice removal solutions — the end product was agreement on a value-for-money audit on the entire operation.

"If anything cries out for having a value-for-money audit, and looking at our entire program, it is snow and ice control," said Ward

11 alderman and chair of the audit committee Brian Pincott.

"This has been an ongoing issue for council and it's been an ongoing issue for the public ... so I think it's time and it's due that we actually have a look at the program and make sure that we're delivering what we think and we say that we're delivering."

In the interim, council will continue to allow additional spending on an as-needed basis for snow and ice control on affected city streets, with the money coming from the fiscal sustainability reserve.

Council also agreed to look into Ald. Colley-Urquhart's motion on snow tires, as it pertains to effectiveness for the city fleet.



Snow removal will come under scrutiny as city council yesterday began the process to have the entire operation undergo a value-for-money audit.

Mayor will lobby Canadian cities to help rebuild Haiti

Haiti Crisis

AID Mayor Dave Bronconnier will lobby his municipal counterparts across the country for a co-ordinated response to the Haiti

earthquake disaster.

Bronconnier will present his plan later this week to the Big City Mayor's Caucus to have municipalities put together teams of municipal experts on areas such as building inspections, environmental matters, restoration of water

supply and personal safety and policing for the devastated country.

The teams would then be put into action once the rebuilding phase begins.

"It ties in with the spirit of municipal co-operation, but most importantly, the international community

has stepped up financially ... I believe now it's time for municipal governments to respond as well," said Bronconnier.

The motion received unanimous support from council at yesterday's meeting.

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News in brief

ZOO An upcoming independent review into the Calgary Zoo's operations will include a look at how two mule deer died of neck injuries at the end of last year. Spokesman Simon Scott says one deer died after it ran into a fence in its enclosure, breaking its neck. He says the other deer was found by keepers one morning with neck injuries, but an investigation has not been able to figure what led to its death.

CORRECTION In yesterday's Metro the office for census takers to drop off applications was incorrect. The correct address is 1103 - 55 Ave. NE. Metro regrets the error.

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Schreiber goes on trial in Germany

Businessman Karlheinz Schreiber, who was extradited from Canada last August after losing a decade-long legal battle to stay in the country, went on trial in Germany yesterday on charges of tax evasion. Prosecutors accuse Schreiber of failing to declare millions from kickbacks he received for the sale of helicopters and Airbus planes to Canada. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Walsh 'intoxicated,' witnesses say

Cursing, yelling and a smack on the head — that's how an "intoxicated" Toronto broadcaster's transatlantic flight ended last year after it was diverted to St. John's, passengers and a crew member told her trial yesterday. Colleen Walsh, 49, left, has pleaded not guilty to charges of assault, obstructing the operation of an aircraft and causing a disturbance. Walsh — who has worked for Global Television, CTV, CBC Radio and Rogers TV — sat in provincial court, at times shaking her head at the testimony. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

DART gets in the action quickly

Haiti Crisis

ASSISTANCE Haiti's nightmare was less than two hours old when Col. Bruce Ewing got the call: Get ready.

Twelve hours after that, Ewing — the commander of Canada's Disaster Assistance Response Team — was on his way to Port-au-Prince with a reconnaissance crew and precious little idea what he would be in for when they landed.

"We deployed a lot quicker than normal," Ewing said yesterday during a mission to survey DART's ultimate Haitian destination: The quake-ravaged town of Jacmel, a coastal outpost some 35 kilometres outside the rubble-strewn capital.

"We were deployed so soon that the organizations that do the normal-needs assistance, they didn't know themselves what the situation on the ground was really like. So it's been a bit chaotic, and that is probably the major difference."

As Ewing and his team were able to gather their bearings, the town — the birthplace of several of Haitian-born Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean's family members and the place she cites as the backdrop to most of her childhood memories of the country — soon became an obvious place to deploy.

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A brazen suicide attack in the centre of Kabul sent Canadian Embassy staff scrambling for safety. Scan this code for the story.

B.C. teens back from Haiti

Military plane evacuates high schoolers, others to Montreal airport

Haiti Crisis

A group of exhausted teens from British Columbia are back on Canadian soil after being stranded in earthquake-ravaged Haiti.

The 17 teens and their adult chaperones arrived just a few hours before the earthquake hit the Caribbean nation, and they had to wait five days before officials were able to get them out. Anxious family members expect to be reunited with the kids today, when they're scheduled to fly home to B.C.

Most of the students were aboard a military aircraft carrying about 180 evacuees that was the first to arrive in Montreal early yesterday. The remainder arrived on a second flight.

School superintendent Patricia Dooley said she'd spoken to some as they waited to pass through Customs in Montreal.

The Grade 12 students from a high school in



A young child is welcomed by Red Cross personnel at Pierre Trudeau Airport in Montreal after arriving from Haiti on Sunday.

South Slokan, B.C., and seven adult chaperones were on a mission to set

up a goat farm in a town about 45 kilometres outside Port-au-Prince. Dooley

said that while they awaited evacuation, staying at a Christian mission

Winter clothes?

• Of all the logistical challenges in helping Haiti, this might be the most surprising one. The need for winter clothes. Evacuees are arriving back in Canada, and they're not dressed for the cold climate.

outside the city, they were not idle.

"They pooled their own money and they bought 4,000 pounds of rice, which they distributed. They were involved in cleaning the roads. So they have definitely been serving," Dooley told a local television station.

Dooley said the school district will bring in counsellors to help the students deal with the horrific scenes they witnessed during the disaster.

"There will be a need for some counselling. They have had a horrendous experience and we are actually starting today with a session for parents."

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Raitt set for demotion in cabinet shuffle

TORIES One woman is getting a second chance in Prime Minister Stephen Harper's new cabinet while another, once thought to be on the fast-track, faces a detour through demotion after stumbling through a scandal.

As many as 10 ministers will be on the move in a shuffle today that is far more elaborate than the tweak some officials predicted a few days ago, The Canadian Press has learned.

The biggest surprise may be that controversy-prone

Flaherty, MacKay staying put

• The shuffle will not involve Stephen Harper's heaviest hitters, including Finance Minister Jim Flaherty and Defence Minister Peter MacKay, although there was some discussion of MacKay ceding responsibility for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency.

Natural Resources Minister Lisa Raitt, once a rising star in the party who rocketed to cabinet within weeks of her first election win in October 2008, is getting demoted.

The high-profile Raitt ran into trouble last year when

she was caught on tape criticizing some of her fellow ministers.

Raitt will stay in the cabinet, but in the relatively obscure Labour post.

Public Works Minister Christian Paradis is tabbed to replace Raitt at the de-

partment that oversees such hot-button issues as oil sands development and the future of Atomic Energy of Canada.

Current Labour Minister Rona Ambrose, another once high-profile woman who was a disappointment in her first turn at Environment, is getting another chance at a big department with Public Works.

And Trade Minister Stockwell Day will be replaced by Public Safety Minister Peter Van Loan, with Day headed to Treasury. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Tories win Elections Canada court case

COSTS The Conservatives have won their "in-and-out" court battle with Elections Canada over ad spending during the 2006 federal election campaign.

A Federal Court judge has set aside the chief electoral officer's decision to refuse to certify \$1.2 million in challenged expenses.

The judgment is a blow to Elections Canada, which argued that national radio and television advertising should have been claimed as expenses by the party rather than by individual candidates. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Dark element of humanity

InStep

Christine Williams



When devastation and incalculable human suffering occurs — like the horror in Haiti — the subsequent outpouring of support is a refreshing reminder of human altruism; an encouraging affirmation given the regrettable events of another news story that was uncovered by the Toronto Star a day after the quake, yet overshadowed by it.

This story demonstrated the darker element of humanity. Here's how it goes: 20 recovering addicts came to their early morning class at the private Clear Haven Center,

just north of Montreal. They were part of a three-month cognitive therapy program costing more than \$15,000. As they arrived at Clear Haven, they were greeted with the announcement that the centre had gone bankrupt.

Then, with no warning, no plan and no place to go, they were given \$100, then arbitrarily dumped on a bus like a load of refuse headed to a convenient depot: Montreal's international airport. Some were crying. No one knows how much money was lost by the clients and their families.

Whatever progress they had made ended abruptly. Two clients snorted cocaine on the bus and Elijah Peabbles, 26, relapsed into heroin use the day af-

ter, overdosed and ended up brain dead. He had come a long way in only a month. For the others, who knows.

How these vulnerable human beings were treated is unconscionable and

"Mental health professionals have stated that addicts cut across all socio-economic strata and take a devastating toll on entire families."

cruel, yet highlights the plight of inequity and injustice faced by many in the greatest need of advocacy: Addicts, mental health sufferers, the disabled and the poor, and this group has been growing.

Bill Wilkerson, the founder of Global Business and Economic Roundtable on Mental Health, has declared depression among Canada's public servants as the country's biggest public health crisis, while warning that it's on the

Editor's note

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rise everywhere.

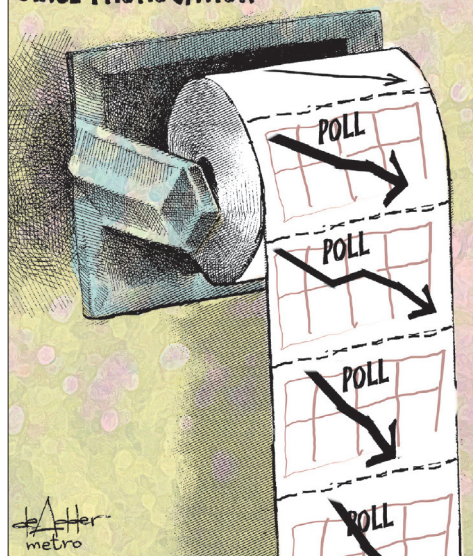
Mental health professionals have stated that addictions cut across all socio-economic strata and take a devastating toll on entire families.

Respect and sensitivity by all professionals attending to those in greatest need is a reasonable expectation, yet contrary to the arrant disregard displayed at Clear Haven Center.

The people let go at Clear Haven could have been one of our loved ones. How they were treated highlights the urgency for citizens to become astute observers and advocates for those close to us who are in need.

Christine Williams is the producer and host of the live current affairs daily talk show On the Line at CTS TV in Burlington, Ont.

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Worth mentioning

Newton's famous apple encounter posted online

It always falls down. That's how the apple helped Isaac Newton.

An 18th-century account of how Newton developed the theory of gravity was posted to the web yesterday, making the fragile paper manuscript widely available to the public for the first time.

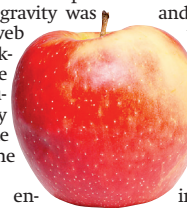
Newton's encounter with the apple ranks among science's most celebrated anecdotes, and it can now be read in the faded cursive script in which it was recorded by William Stukeley, Newton's contemporary.

Royal Society librarian Keith Moore said the apple story has resonated for cen-

turies because it packs in so much — an illustration of how modern science works, an implicit reference to the solar system, and even an allusion to the Bible.

When Newton describes the process of observing a falling apple and guessing at the principle behind it "he's talking about the scientific method," Moore said. "Also, the shape of the apple recalls the planet — it's round — and, of course, the apple falling from the tree does indeed hark back to the story of Adam and Eve, and Newton as a religious man would have found that quite apt."

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Views

Taxpayers may be on the hook once again

InBusiness

Charles Davies



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You could call it Canada's version of the sub-prime mortgage crisis.

According to a recent account in the Globe and Mail, as many as 30,000 homeowners face mortgage foreclosure over the next three years. We're not talking about ne'er-do-wells who skip payments or laid-off workers. These are hard-working, upright folks who have made all their payments. It's just that the mortgage lenders who happily approved their loans last time around won't re-

But these now reluctant "non-traditional" mortgage lenders have a great suggestion. The mortgage renewals they won't touch with a bargepole should be underwritten by Canada's only inexhaustible source of finance — us taxpayers. A new lobby group for the very lenders who are abandoning the sub-prime set wants Ottawa to back a \$1-billion fund to refinance its now vulnerable clients.

Government bailouts of any kind are problematic because they distort the market's process of natural selection, muddying economic realities with political agendas. Thus you have companies — automakers come on down — that are deemed too big and too important to employment levels to fail. Embattled homeowners are an equally sensitive subject. How can

politicians stand idly by while Suzie and Sammy Homemaker are thrown into the street?

Well, here are a couple reasons why they should. First, consider that home ownership is not a right, but an earned privilege. There's nothing about it in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Unfortunately, not everyone is destined to own a home, and the people now facing foreclosure would never have been approved by "traditional" or "prime" mortgage lenders like banks or trust companies.

The current crisis has been brewing for more than two years. That's when our "non-traditional" sub-prime lenders started heading for the exits. Take Xceed Mortgage Corp., a lender that was happy to ride the housing boom ear-

lier in the decade. Its assets rose 20-fold to \$2.7 billion in 2007 while profits went from less than zero to a peak of \$22 million in 2006.

But Xceed was securitizing its sub-prime mortgage assets, packaging and reselling them, and when the Asset Backed Commercial Paper crisis killed that market in mid-2007, the company could no longer function profitably. It rapidly reconfigured itself as a "traditional" lender, only recently finding its voice as a bailout advocate.

In the end it's a sad business — overreaching families dispossessed by the denizens of an opportunistic capital market — but the rest of us shouldn't pay for it.

Charles Davies is a veteran business writer who has worked for Canadian and international news organizations.

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Cambodian police said yesterday they have arrested an American man on charges that he drugged a 12-year-old girl and took pornographic photos of her. Chor Heng, deputy police chief of Preah Sihanouk province, said Ronald A. Adams, 51, was arrested at his home Friday after a complaint from the girl's mother. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

American arrested on child-porn charges in Cambodia

World



Rare bird-breeding area found in Afghanistan

The first known breeding area of one of the world's rarest birds has been found in the remote Pamir Mountains in war-torn Afghanistan, a conservation group said yesterday. A researcher with the Wildlife Conservation Society stumbled upon the small, olive-brown large-billed reed warbler, left, in 2008 and taped its distinctive song — a recording experts now say is probably the first ever. The announcement came the same day Taliban militants launched an assault on the Afghan capital, underscoring the challenges of doing conservation work in the country. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Leaders ban female circumcision

MAURITANIA A group of 30 Mauritanian Muslim leaders have issued a religious edict banning female genital mutilation in the West African country. The process, also called female circumcision, is common in parts of Africa and involves the surgical removal of the clitoris or other genital parts. The procedure is often performed by women with little or no medical training. It can eliminate pleasure for women during sex and cause lasting pain and complications in childbirth. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Aid flows, frustration persists

Help not reaching all who need it; looting and violence spreading

Haiti Crisis

Troops, doctors and aid workers flowed into Haiti yesterday and officials said billions of dollars more will be needed following the quake that killed an estimated 200,000 people and left many still struggling to find a cup of water or a handful of food.

European nations pledged more than a half-billion dollars in emergency and long-term aid, on top of at least \$100 million promised earlier by the U.S. The president of the neighbouring Dominican Republic said it will cost far more to finally rebuild the coun-



A woman sweeps debris on a street in Port-au-Prince yesterday.

try: \$10 billion.

Help was still not reaching many victims of last Tuesday's quake — choked back by transportation bot-

tlenecks, bureaucratic confusion, fear of attacks on aid convoys, the collapse of local authority and the sheer scale of the need.

Looting spread to more parts of downtown Port-au-Prince as hundreds of young men and boys clambered up broken walls to break into shops and take whatever they can find. Es-

pecially prized was toothpaste, which people smear under their noses to fend off the stench of decaying bodies.

At a collapsed and burning shop in the market area, youths used broken bottles, machetes and razors to battle for bottles of rum and police fired shots to break up the crowd.

Dutch airlift

• Dutch adoption agencies and the government sent a chartered plane to Haiti yesterday to airlift out more than 100 children who were in the process of being adopted by parents in the Netherlands before an earthquake shattered the country last week.

"I am drinking as much as I can. It gives courage," said Jean-Pierre Junior, wielding a broken wooden plank with nails to protect his bottle of rum.

U.S. officials say some 2,200 Marines were arriving to join 1,700 U.S. troops now on the ground and UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon announced yesterday he wants 1,500 more UN police and 2,000 more troops to join the existing 7,000 military peacekeepers and 2,100 international police in Haiti. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Religious violence hits northern Nigeria

RIOTS Angry Muslim youths set a church filled with worshippers ablaze in northern Nigeria, starting a riot that killed at least 27 people and wounded more than 300 others in the latest religious violence in the region, officials said yesterday. About 5,000 people lost their homes as rioters also burned mosques and homes in Jos, a city that saw more than 300 residents

killed during a similar uprising in 2008, said local Red Cross official Auwal Muhammad Madobi. He said he had no information about deaths. Police officials declined to offer a count of the dead.

Sani Mudi, a spokesman for the local imam, said 22 people died Sunday after rioters set fire to a Catholic church, starting a daylong wave of violence between

Christians and Muslims. Five others died yesterday from their wounds, and police and soldiers set up numerous road blocks throughout Jos.

The rioting began Sunday, when the youths attacked a church, said Gregory Yenlong, a state government spokesman. Yenlong said he didn't know why the young men set the blaze. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

News in brief

TWITTER A British man was arrested for making a terror threat after he joked on Twitter that he would blow up an airport, police said yesterday. Police arrested 26-year-old Paul Chambers Jan. 13 after he posted a message on the popular site saying he would blow northern England's Robin Hood Airport "sky high" if his flight was delayed.

TURKEY The man who shot Pope John Paul II in 1981 was released from prison yesterday after more than 29 years behind bars and proclaimed that he was a messenger of God and that the world will end in this century. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Paraguay Hostage freed



Rancher Fidel Zavala, second from left, is embraced by relatives upon his arrival to the airport in Asuncion, Paraguay, after being freed by his captors yesterday. Zavala was kidnapped by the so-called Paraguayan People's Army three months ago.

Nepal hands over arrested Tibetans to UN

Tibetans arrested over the weekend for entering Nepal illegally have been handed over to the United Nations' refugee agency, not returned to China. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Afghanistan Chicken slaughter



U.S. Army Cpl. Robert Glynn, left, and Sgt. Jonathan White kill a chicken for dinner to supplement their MRE (Meals Ready-to-Eat) rations while on a mission in Kandahar City, Saturday.

Journalists' emails hacked in China

International journalists in China said yesterday that their Google email accounts have been hacked in attacks similar to the ones against human-rights activists that the search giant cited as a reason for considering pulling out of the country.

In announcing a possible exit from China last week, Google did not specify how the accounts with its Gmail email service were hacked into or by whom. Information since then has trickled out.

The Foreign Correspondents' Club of China sent an email yesterday to its members, warning that reporters in at least two news bureaus in Beijing said their Gmail

December attack on Google

Google's announcement last Tuesday that it might quit the huge Chinese market shocked the international business community and cheered many free-speech advocates. Google said a sophisticated attack in December

from China targeted the Mountain View, California-based company's infrastructure and at least 20 other major companies from the Internet, financial services, technology, media and chemical industries.

accounts had been broken into, with their emails surreptitiously forwarded to unfamiliar accounts.

Although the warning did not name the organizations, one of the accounts belonged to an Associated Press journalist.

John Daniszewski, senior managing editor for international news at the news

co-operative in New York, deplored the breach and said the AP will be investigating to determine if any vital information was compromised.

The Foreign Correspondents' Club asked its members to be vigilant in protecting their email accounts and computers from attack.

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Suspects can collect compensation

BRITAIN Two terror suspects won the right yesterday to seek compensation from the British government over the restrictions imposed upon their activities since 2006. The High Court ruling delivers another blow to Britain's system of so-called "control orders," which officials say is necessary to keep tabs on terror suspects who can't be brought to trial without revealing sensitive intelligence information.

The system allows Britain's Home Office to ask a court to curtail suspects' movements and ban them from foreign travel. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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An aboriginal group in British Columbia is fighting the development of a crude oil pipeline from Alberta's oilsands to the West Coast. The natural resource manager of the Wet'suwet'en First Nation says construction on Enbridge Inc.'s Northern Gateway Pipeline would threaten his community's traditional way of life. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Aboriginal group fights pipeline plan

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Cadbury looks for sweeter increase

TAKEOVER Shareholders in British candy maker Cadbury PLC are looking for a fat increase in the hostile takeover bid by Kraft Foods Inc., as Kraft faces a Tuesday deadline for changes to its bid.

Cadbury shares moved up in trading yesterday, indicating the market was looking for Kraft to jump higher. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

In brief

SELLOFF Three veterans of Canada's media industry are taking a swing at buying a trio of major Canwest newspapers including the National Post in a bid that could force the media conglomerate to consider selling off its assets piece by piece. The consortium of investors said they are only interested in picking up the Post, the Montreal Gazette and the Ottawa Citizen. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Tokyo Bluefin ban?



The signage of a 24-hour sushi restaurant allures customers atop shops near the Tsukiji fish market in Tokyo. A proposal to ban the export of Atlantic bluefin tuna — prized for its succulent slices of red and pink meat — could slash supplies and drive up prices.

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Visa slams proposal

Code of conduct too merchant-friendly, says official

The federal government's proposed code of conduct for Canada's credit and debit card system is too weighted in favour of merchants at the expense of consumer choice, Visa Canada alleged yesterday, the deadline for comments on the plan.

Four of Canada's five biggest banks issue Visa cards while Bank of Montreal and many non-bank issuers support MasterCard, Visa's chief rival in that business.

However the two leaders of the credit card industry are both expected to offer debit cards as well, putting them in competition with the bank-owned Interac system.

Visa said yesterday that it's concerned because the

CFIB response

• The Federation of Independent Business, which has been pushing the federal government to rein in the card companies, called on the government to put the new code into effect as soon as possible. "CFIB believes the most important element of this code is that merchants will be able to choose how debit transactions will be routed," said Catherine Swift, CFIB's chief executive and president.

code gives merchants the power to decide which debit network is used, overriding a consumer's choice without consent.

"Our main concern, and one that we've highlighted

in our submission to the government, is that the draft code does not go far enough to protect consumer choice at point of sale and may discourage innovation," Tim Wilson, head of Visa Canada, declared in a statement.

"Consumer transparency and choice are particularly important because of the meaningful differences that exist between networks." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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A new RBC study shows that RRSP contributions, as a percentage of income, have declined among the 55 and older as well as in the under 34 crowd. These boomers and the Gen Xers, with their shrinking RRSP contributions, stand to face skinny retirements if they don't ramp up savings. Fat workplace pension plans

are increasingly a thing of the past. The average Canadian is going to have to rely on RRSPs to top up old age security and CPP cheques.

Boomers worried about losing retirement money on the market, should keep contributing but put less of it in stocks or equity (stock) mutual funds.

No more than 50 per cent of your RRSP funds should be in the market and when you hit your late 50s, the equity portion should shrink steadily. Instead, think bonds, preferred shares and GICs. You are better off earning 2

or 4 per cent than losing 20 or 30 per cent in a market downturn.

The younger crowd may protest that their debt leaves no room for RRSP contributions. However, even small RRSP contributions deposited regularly at a young age will grow healthily if you don't take on too much stock market risk. As for debt, take the tax refund generated by your contribution every year and dump it on your highest interest debt.

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Decoding acronyms used in RRSP season

At RRSP season, Canadians hear a lot of acronyms. Tina Di Vito, director of retirement strategies at BMO Financial Group, makes sense of some terms:

RRSP: Registered Retirement Savings Plans are registered with the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency. Investors save income tax when they make

a contribution and the income earned is tax sheltered until it is withdrawn.

LIRA: You cannot convert a pension from a former employer into cash. One alternative is to convert it into a Locked-In Retirement Account or LIRA.

RRIF: Canadians must collapse their RRSPs by the end of the year they turn

71. They can then transfer the funds into a Registered Retirement Income Fund, which operates like an RRSP but requires a minimum annual withdrawal.

LIF: A Life Income Fund is much like an RRIF, but the funds originate from a pension plan, locked-in RRSP or LIRA, instead of an RRSP.

NEWS CANADA

NBAers pitch in for Haiti

The Haitian earthquake relief fund co-founded by retired NBA star Alonzo Mourning and Heat star Dwyane Wade announced yesterday that its pledge total has already surpassed \$800,000. U.S. Wade's donation was a one-game salary, about \$175,000, while Mourning, LeBron James, Kevin Durant and Chris Paul each pledged \$100,000, fund officials said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Sports

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Pujols backs McGwire

Albert Pujols supports Mark McGwire, both for acknowledging his use of steroids and in his new role as hitting coach of the St. Louis Cardinals. "I told him I'm proud of him for admitting what he used," Pujols said yesterday at the team's Winter Warm-Up. "Everybody makes mistakes."

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Stamps get new president

Bauer arrives in Calgary with much experience, success under his belt

Longtime CFL executive Lyle Bauer was hired yesterday as the Calgary Stampeders president and chief executive officer.

Bauer replaces Scott Ackles, who had stepped down to become the chairman of the 2011 Grey Cup in Vancouver.

"Lyle brings tremendous administration skills to the Stampeders and we're excited about having him take control of the club's business operations," John Forzani, Calgary's managing partner of business of operations, said in a statement.

"He did an exceptional job of turning around the Winnipeg Blue Bombers' financial situation and has also been very successful in his non-football business pursuits."

Bauer, a cancer survivor, became Winnipeg's president and chief executive officer in February 2000, taking over a franchise that was nearly \$5 million in debt and on the verge of bankruptcy. Bauer resigned from the CFL club last month, not only leaving it with money in the bank but also \$5 million in its rainy day fund.

"He did an exceptional job of turning around the Winnipeg Blue Bombers' financial situation and has also been very successful in his non-football business pursuits." John Forzani, managing partner, on the addition of Lyle Bauer

Bauer will oversee and operate all of the Stampeders' business operations while head coach-GM John Hufnagel continues to handle all aspects of football operations.

"I am very pleased to have the opportunity to be a part of an organization

like the Calgary Stampeders," said Bauer. "Over the years, I have been able to watch the commitment this ownership group has demonstrated to ensure the viability of this organization for the city, their fans, staff and players. "They have also demon-

strated the commitment to acquire the best talent on and off the field and understand the required investment to be a premier franchise in the Canadian Football League."

Bauer spent 10 seasons as an offensive lineman with the Bombers, appearing in 161 regular-season games.

He helped Winnipeg win Grey Cups in 1984, 1988 and 1990. He also served as the team's player rep and was inducted into the Winnipeg Football Club Hall of Fame in 1998.

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Martin looking to fine-tune his game heading into Vancouver

CURLING Kevin Martin will have more than winning and losing on his mind during this week's BDO Classic Canadian Open.

The Edmonton skip said he and his team will be concentrating on fine-tuning their game before they represent Canada at next month's Olympic Games in Vancouver.

"I'm not sure the winning part or losing part matters a whole bunch," Martin said yesterday in a conference call.

What Martin wants is for himself, third John Morris, second Marc Kennedy and lead Ben Hebert to curl between 85 and 90 per cent during the Canadian Open, which goes from Jan. 20-24 at the MTS Centre.

"Just more of a confidence-builder kind of thing before we really hit the training super hard for the two weeks prior (to Olympics)," said Martin, 43, who won a silver medal at the 2002 Olympics with other teammates.

"That's kind of what I'm thinking."

"I don't want to see us peak, it's too soon for that. But to play some good, solid games, that would be perfect."

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NHL Flames devoured by Sharks



Calgary's Brandon Prust, left, throws a punch at San Jose's Brad Staubitz during last night's action in San Jose, Calif. The Flames were hammered 9-1 by the Sharks.

Cormier handed indefinite suspension for hit

QMJHL Junior hockey was making sense of another head-hunting incident yesterday after Mikael Tam of the Quebec Remparts was sent to hospital by an elbow from Rouyn-Noranda centre Patrice Cormier, who captained Canada at the recent world junior hockey championship.

Cormier caught Tam with an elbow while skating through the neutral zone during overtime of Quebec's 3-2 shootout win

VideoOnline
View footage of Patrice Cormier's hit on Mikael Tam, at metronews.ca/sports

at Dave Keon Arena in Rouyn-Noranda on Sunday afternoon.

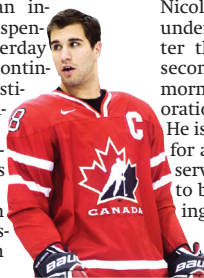
The 18-year-old defence-man went into convulsions and was taken to hospital after the hit, where he is listed in stable condition with brain trauma and several damaged teeth.

The Quebec Major Junior Hockey League gave Cormier an indefinite suspension yesterday and will continue to investigate the incident.

No timeline was provided on when league disciplinarian Raymond

Bolduc will issue a ruling. Remparts spokesman Nicole Bouchard said Tam underwent a brain scan after the game and that a second scan yesterday morning showed no deterioration in his condition. He is to remain in hospital for a second night for observation and is expected to be released this morning.

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Patrice Cormier

Sports in brief

NFL New York Jets defensive end Shaun Ellis has a broken left hand that will require surgery, but he expects to play in the AFC championship against Indianapolis.

UFC The UFC is rethinking its May 1 date in Montreal. The calendar review is apparently due to rumblings that star boxer Floyd Mayweather may meet Shane Mosley the same day in Las Vegas.

BLUE JAYS The Toronto Blue Jays avoided arbitration with starter Shaun Marcum by agreeing to a \$850,000 US, one-year deal yesterday. The right-hander more than doubled his 2009 salary of \$405,200 after spending the year recovering from ligament-replacement surgery at the end of the '08 season.

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Vancouver Games

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Spotlight looms for Crosby

Swing through Canada offers preview of expected Olympic scrutiny

Sidney Crosby hopes his next trip to Vancouver will be a little more memorable.

The Pittsburgh Penguins captain was minus-3 during a 6-2 loss to the Canucks at GM Place Saturday night and failed to record a shot on goal for the first time all season.

He will be pulling on a Team Canada sweater when he returns to the city again next month for the Vancouver Games. Despite the rough end to Pittsburgh's five-game road trip, Crosby has been producing of late — putting up four goals and six points during that span.

The upcoming Olympic tournament was a hot topic

as Crosby made stops in Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver. But No. 87 claims it hasn't been difficult to keep his focus on the Penguins.

"If anything, you want your game to be your best when the time comes," Crosby said last week. "The more you worry about doing things right in Pittsburgh, the more that will carry over when the (Olympics start)."

One thing the road swing underlined was just how much scrutiny he will be under at the event. Crosby was subjected to heavy media demands in Western Canada and even had some fans follow his cab to a restaurant when he went out to dinner in Vancouver.



Sidney Crosby will be in the spotlight when Team Canada takes to the ice next month at the Winter Games in Vancouver.

"If anything, you want your game to be your best when the time comes."

Sidney Crosby

During the Games, the focus will largely be centred around what he does on the ice. That's hasn't been an issue this season as Crosby has already hit the 30-goal plateau for the fourth time in his career.

The only NHL player who has scored more goals than him so far is Team Canada teammate Patrick Marleau, who added three more last week to bring his season total to 32.

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Snowboarder ends career

MOVE Canadian Crispin Lipscomb is hanging up his snowboard.

The two-time Olympian says it's time for him to move away from competition and to help the national team in other ways.

The 30-year-old from Pemberton, B.C., will work with Canada's snowboarders at the Vancouver Games. A year of change helped lead Lipscomb to the decision.

The death of his best friend Anthony Crute in a snowboard accident last year affected him deeply, and an ankle injury slowed him down. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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High-tech program seeks Olympic edge

RESEARCH With the Olympics just around the corner, Canada is finally lifting the lid on some of the cutting edge projects in its Top Secret program.

Giant treadmills, a cable to catapult speedskaters, and better bodysuits are just part of Top Secret, a program designed to make Canada's Olympians ski, skate and slide faster than the competition at next month's Games.

When it came to sport gadgets, Canada used to trail the top winter sport countries. But over the last five years, almost \$8 million has been spent on 55 projects collectively named Top Secret.

OTP, the organization established to help Canada win more medals than any other country at its own Games, paid for Top Secret out of its \$117-million budget.

"We're not doing anything that is illegal, but there are a number of developments we'd rather keep to ourselves than to tell the world," says Roger Jackson, head of Own The Podium.

Todd Allinger, who heads Top Secret, oversaw development of a GPS unit that alpine skiers could wear and a binding plate for snowboards that made for

Some projects

• **GPS alpine tracking unit:** The University of Calgary developed a non-intrusive sensor that skiers wear to plot the fastest line down a ski course. It also helps determine which skis and waxes are performing best on a course.

• **Snow and ice friction:** The University of British Columbia tested various substances and materials in order to reduce ski, skate, runner and snowboard friction on ice and snow.

cleaner carves down the mountain.

"I think it brought Canada up from a level where we were below other top nations like the U.S., Germany, Norway and Russia in terms of technology and equipment," Allinger said. "We're at least at the world-class level. In some cases, I think we're ahead of other countries."

Allinger says 75 per cent of Top Secret projects were successful in that the athletes and coaches felt they were effective in training and competition.

"It's research. It's a risk," says Allinger. "Sometimes it bears fruit and sometimes it doesn't." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Health & Beauty

Whiter not always better for teeth

Doctor suggests doing your homework before investing in bleaching agents

CELIA MILNE
for Metro Canada

So you want whiter teeth? There are plenty of ways to get a brighter smile. And Canadians are gleaming from ear to ear as whitening products explode onto drug store shelves.

But before you jump on the mega-watt-smile bandwagon, make sure this is how you want to spend your money and time.

"Tooth whitening is a bit of a luxury," says Dr. Benoit Soucy, director of clinical and scientific affairs at the Canadian Dental Association in Ottawa. "To a large extent it is similar to a lot of fashion trends. For most people it is not needed. It's like, 'Why go on a diet if you are in a healthy weight range?'"

Another thing to keep in mind: "It is not always a good idea to go for the whitest possible teeth. It draws attention to the teeth and shows up flaws," he says.

Metro asked Soucy to guide us through the various whitening options. By and large, bleaching your teeth is safe, as long as you get your teeth checked first by a dentist, don't overdo it, and follow instructions carefully.

The cheapest products are toothpastes and mouth washes that promise whiter teeth. These are safe but probably won't make a huge difference, says Soucy. "Whitening toothpastes don't change



Get your teeth checked first by your dentist before buying a bleaching kit.

the colour of your teeth; they simply remove the surface stains," he says.

Next up are whitening kits you can buy at the pharmacy. These contain either whitening strips, materials to paint the bleach onto your teeth, or trays that you fill with a bleaching agent and mold to your mouth. These kits typically cost between \$10

and \$100.

A more expensive option is to get custom-made trays at the dentist's office. Because these fit exactly, there is less chance of spillage and swallowing peroxide bleach. Treatments can be done at home using these custom-made trays. This option may cost between \$250 and \$600.

For a super-fast, super-efficient whitening treatment, there's a light-activated gel treatment at the dentist's office. This may set you back between \$600 and \$2,000, but your teeth will sparkle after usually just one visit.

There are several benefits of having whitening done at the dentist: First of all, you will get any prob-

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Dr. Benoit Soucy,
Canadian Dental
Association

lems fixed before you begin; secondly, your dentist will examine you to find out if bleaching will achieve the results you want; thirdly, he or she will make sure the procedure can be done safely; and, finally, the dentist will be there if you feel any irritation or sensitivity.

Follow manufacturer's instructions carefully. Don't accelerate the process or continue longer than advised. Over-bleaching can irritate your gums and even create chemical burns on the tongue.

Cheese and wine can help teeth

STUDY Wine and cheese. There may be a medical reason why these go so well together.

A new German study suggests that white wine is very hard on your teeth, but eating cheese while sipping your wine helps neutralize the effects. It is the acid in white wine that wears away enamel, say researchers at Johannes Gutenberg University. Their experiment took place in a laboratory. They soaked adult teeth in white wine for a day, and found the teeth had a significant loss of calcium and phosphorus in the enamel surface. Red wines did not damage the enamel as much.

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Food



Tasty food... and plate

Diane Bisson wants you to clear your plate so you can eat it, too. The Université de Montréal industrial design professor is creating edible plates that are stylish, tasty and environmentally friendly. She focused on using vegetables and vegetable flours, such as water chestnut flour, as well as fruit, beans and bean flours. Bisson tested 400 prototypes. The results are captured in her book, *Edible: The Food as Material*, which was just released this month. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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20 Minute Supper Club's Almond Crusted Chicken with Honeyed Sweet Potatoes.

Winter warm-up

Do you find yourself craving comfort foods now that the cold weather's here?

Instead of pulling out the frozen entrees or resorting to a high-carb meal, try looking for healthy ways to create your old favourites. That way you can warm up without consuming the extra calories.

A perfect example of a comfort meal gone healthy is this week's Almond Crusted Chicken with Honeyed Sweet Potatoes.

To avoid the extra fat and carb content in this meal, our recipe developer blends whole-wheat breadcrumbs and almonds to give these healthy chicken fingers a nutty coating that delivers plenty of good-for-you vitamin E and fibre.

- CHRISTY PENGILLY

COOKING TIME: 20 MINUTES
RECIPE DEVELOPER: PAULA BOWMAN

INGREDIENTS:

- olive oil cooking spray
- 1 egg white
- 1 Tbsp cold water
- 1/3 cup raw almonds
- 3/4 cup fresh whole wheat breadcrumbs, (about 2 slices bread)
- 1 Tbsp fresh parsley
- 2 Tbsp finely grated lemon zest
- 1/2 Tbsp kosher salt plus more for sweet potatoes
- 1/4 tsp fennel seed
- 1 1/2 skinless chicken breasts, (about 1 1/2 lbs)
- 1 1/2 pound sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1-inch slices
- 2 Tbsp honey, plus more for garnish, if desired
- 1/4 tsp lemon juice
- pinch nutmeg

METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to 400F. Line a rimmed sheet pan with tinfoil, lightly spray foil with cooking spray and set aside.
2. Whisk egg white with water until frothy, transfer

Almond Crusted Chicken with Honeyed Sweet Potatoes

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Cowell pulls in Paul for X-Factor

Simon Cowell is recruiting his former American Idol judge, Paula Abdul, to join him on the judging panel of his upcoming Fox talent show X-Factor, according to The Hollywood Reporter. EW.COM

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Entertainment

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Tobey the Hobbit?

Tobey Maguire has reportedly agreed to take the lead role in *The Hobbit*. The 34-year-old actor is said to have signed up to play Bilbo Baggins in the movie adaptation of J.R.R. Tolkien's classic book.

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DVD picks



Cairo Time

Director: Ruba Nadda

LOVE IS A many-splendoured but also highly cerebral thing in *Cairo Time*, the winner of the Canadian feature prize at TIFF '09.

Recalling *Brief Encounter* and *Lost in Translation* by displaying the mind as the most sensual of human instruments, the film searches for romance and meaning amidst the grandeur and challenges of modern Egypt.

Patricia Clarkson is Juliette, a Canadian magazine writer who travels to Cairo to see her husband Mark (Tom McCamus), a UN diplomat stationed in the Middle East.

The happily married couple have long talked about taking a trip together to the Pyramids. But workaholic Mark is assisting at a Gaza refugee camp and can't yet meet his spouse, so he asks his faithful friend Tareq (Alexander Siddig) to keep Juliette company.

Of such small seeds are mighty oaks of infidelity grown.

But Montreal writer/director Ruba Nadda avoids the obvious, preferring to explore how geography, circumstance and fate can combine to test even the strongest of wills.

Is something happening between Juliette and Tareq? It's hard to say, sometimes frustratingly so, because both characters are hard to read and the attraction isn't obvious.

They play the "what if" game as they make their way through the streets of Cairo and surrounding deserts. Clarkson and Siddig make the most of a script that delivers less than it promises.

Peter Howell/for Metro Canada

Globe no sign of Oscar glory

Sunday's wins not best indicator of Academy picks

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Hollywood Votes

Academy Awards

It would've meant a lot to the director of *A Single Man* to see Colin Firth beat out Jeff Bridges at Sunday's Golden Globe Awards. Alas, it was not to be.

"Live by the buzz, die by the buzzsaw," said fashion designer-turned-filmmaker Tom Ford. "I've been saying it all morning, but it's true."

While Firth may have heard that buzzsaw coming, it doesn't mean he'll go unnoticed by the time

the Academy Awards roll around however. Even though the Hollywood Foreign Press Association (which hosts the Golden Globes) has often forecast future Oscar winners, it possibly may be less so clairvoyant this year.

"It's tricky to call any of the precursor shows influences on the Oscars," said Steve Pond, author of *The Odds*, an awards-based col-



Jeff Bridges, left, may have won best actor (drama) and James Cameron best director at the Golden Globes, but that doesn't mean they will have their categories locked up come Oscar night.



umn on popular Hollywood industry website *The Wrap*. "The Golden Globe voters" don't really have any critical credibility and they don't have careers in the industry the way the Oscar voters do, so it's a popular vote among this group that's sort of lucked into having influence for a couple weeks each year because their TV show gets good ratings."

By comparison, the Os-

cars, to be held March 7, are an industry-based awards where members of the Academy can cast unpredictable votes.

"Most of the Oscar voters in the acting categories are actors of substantial achievement themselves, so they're not going to vote for people just because they want to see them up there on the podium."

However, with the passing of The Golden Globes,

one cannot deny that the official Oscar race has begun. So one wonders, with weekly award shows tracking who's getting the most hardware, what is the greatest predictor of Oscar wins?

"The Director's Guild, The Producer's Guild, The Screen Actor's Guild," said Pond.

"Those guilds tell you how people who work in the industry are thinking."

critics' corner

Accidental Friendship

A homeless woman and a police officer forge an unlikely bond in this 2008 tear-jerker. Homeless Yvonne has her two dogs and not much else. Tami, the cop, recently ended a relationship. Both gain a great deal from their friendship despite having little in common. Ben Vereen appears as another homeless person. 10 AM on SHOW



NCIS

A controversial blogger who had accused Gibbs and the team of mishandling a case turns up dead. That means the team has to take a second look at that case — the death of a lieutenant — in order to solve the mystery of the blogger's murder. Michael Weatherly, David McCallum and Pauley Perrette also star in "The Inside Man." 9 PM on CICT KREM

Scrubs

This is why cheating doesn't pay, boys and girls. In this new episode, a student cheats on an exam, and Dr. Cox forces the whole class to pay the price. Denise plays a surprising piece of information in "Our True Lies." Zach Braff, Donald Faison, Sarah Chalke and Ken Jenkins also star. 10 PM on KXLY

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J.K. Rowling has spent more than \$4 million US on a new mansion — without even viewing it properly, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The Harry Potter author splashed out on the property in Edinburgh, Scotland, last month. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz

Just call me 'Giorgio Cluni'

NEXT HE'LL BE RIDING A VESPA AND SAYING 'CIAO' George Clooney made a point of walking the Golden Globes red carpet with Italian girlfriend Elisabetta Canalis, and if his friends have anything to say about it, he'll be walking with her down the aisle soon as well.

find love after years of looking, you want to shout it from the rooftops and that's just what he was doing," a Clooney pal tells **METRO WORLD NEWS** friend Popeater. "He is crazy about her. I have never seen him like this before. He's smitten."



Living the British dream

FREE BOOZE AND BANGERS AND MASH After the success of the Punch Bowl, his London pub, Guy Ritchie is looking into opening outposts in New York and Los Angeles, according to People magazine. "It's in the early stages of development. He's looking at premises

now," a source says. "Guy is really excited and he's definitely planning some fun ideas with the drinks." The director is apparently also interested in brewing his own beer, and has already registered a few names, including Bitta Ritchie and Punch Bowl Ale. **METRO WORLD NEWS**



Not a regular toque

BOOSTING JAPANESE HAT SALES When Michael C. Hall won a Golden Globe award for Best Actor in a Television Drama, the Dexter star made no mention of cancer, but backstage, he told reporters that he was "on the road to recovery" after secretly battling Hodgkin's lymphoma, usmagazine.com reports.

"I had every intention of keeping it quiet, but because the award shows were imminent, I figured I'd make a statement," said the 38-year-old actor, who said in a statement last week that he was nearing the end of his treatment and that his disease was

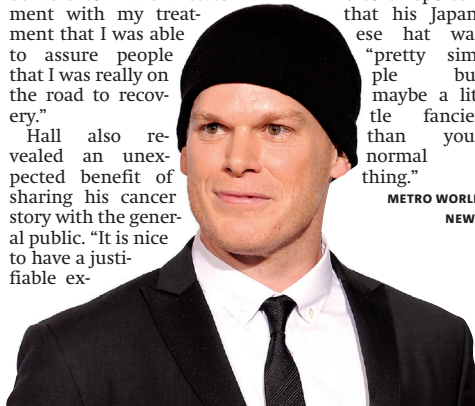
now in remission.

He added, "It was nice to be able to make a statement with my treatment that I was able to assure people that I was really on the road to recovery."

Hall also revealed an unexpected benefit of sharing his cancer story with the general public. "It is nice to have a justifiable excuse for accessorizing," he joked of his black cap.

He told reporters that his Japanese hat was "pretty simple but maybe a little fancier than your normal thing."

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And the Golden Globe for the dullest potential couple goes to ... 'Gennifer'!

CLAP, CLAP, YAWN. Ever since Jennifer Aniston and Gerard Butler filmed their upcoming movie The Bounty Hunter, rumours have flown that the pair have engaged in a little romance on the side, popeater.com reports.

Although both denied reports, when the A-list actors took the stage at the Golden

Globes together, their awkward body language sparked a few questions.

Aniston and Butler presented the award for Best Screenplay —

which, incidentally, went to Up in the Air — with little banter or fanfare, making the website speculate there is something going on between them two of them.

"It's an honour for us to present this award together," Butler began. "Yep, it is," Aniston responded.

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AMY WINEHOUSE is sick of her father talking to the press, **BEN STILLER** gets Coen O'Brien to ignore his own troubles and help those in need, **JASON MRAZ** knows what he's looking for, and **DEMI MOORE** had her own reasons for staying home from the Golden Globes. **@amyjademermaid** WHY don't my dad WRITE A SONG when somethin bothers him instead of going on national tv? an you thought YOUR parents were embarrassing **@RedHourBen** Thanks to Co-Co for getting the message out tonight about donating to help Haiti **@jason_mraz** Is there a website yet created for singles seeking casual spooning? **@mrskutcher** feeling sick and having a bad hair day **METRO WORLD NEWS**

Tiger's eyes

ARE ON THE BALL NOT THE BREASTS Tiger Woods has his comeback to golf all planned out, according to Radar Online. The scandal-plagued athlete, who's reportedly staying at a Mississippi rehab facility to deal with his sex addiction, is planning to be back on the PGA tour by the spring, sources tell the Web site.

"Tiger is totally devastated," a source says. "He wants to show everyone that he intends to change."

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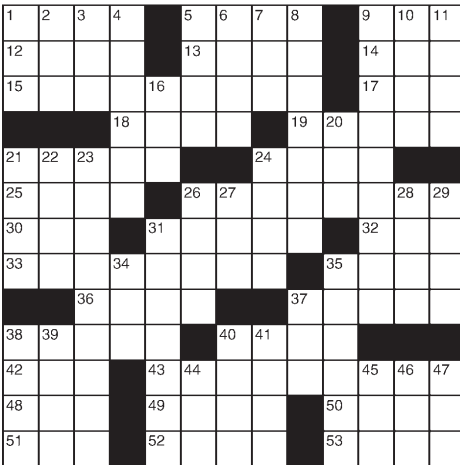
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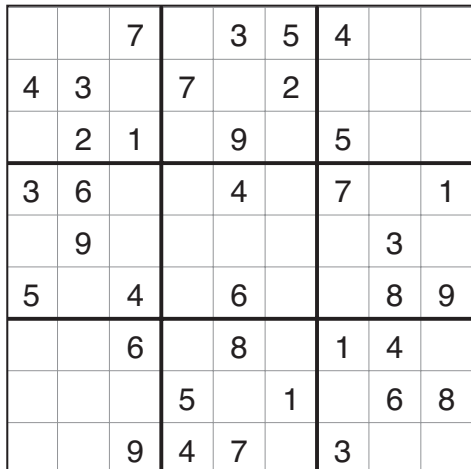
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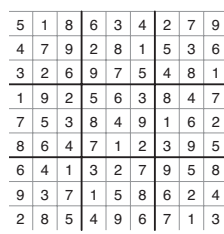
Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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Metro Recipe of the Day



Marmalade-glazed Mackerel with Apples

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 mackerel fillets
- 4 tsp (20 mL) olive oil
- 2 apples, peeled
- Leaves from 1 sprig fresh rosemary
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) orange marmalade
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) cider vinegar

METHOD:

1. Remove any bones that remain in mackerel. Preheat grill to high. Brush a shallow flameproof dish with a little oil and put mackerel fillets in it, skin side up. Make three cuts across each mackerel fillet, scoring skin to prevent it from curling during cooking.

2. Cut apples into quarters and remove cores, then cut each quarter into three or four slices. Put in dish around mackerel.

Brush apples and fish with remaining oil. Sprinkle rosemary leaves over fish.

3. Grill mackerel 2-3 minutes or until skin is browned in places. Stir marmalade and vinegar in bowl. Turn over mackerel and apple slices. Brush some marmalade mixture over apples, then spoon remainder evenly over mackerel. Grill 2 minutes or until fish and apples are well browned in places. Fish should be firm and cooked, with flakes that separate easily and look opaque. Serve immediately.

SERVES 4

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Others may be baffled by what's going on but you will observe and understand what they have overlooked.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
You will see or hear something to your advantage, something that gives you an edge in your career.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You will find it easy to forgive other people's mistakes today but maybe not quite so easy to forgive your own.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
New information will come your way today, information that may cause you to doubt some of the things you have been told.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Question what you are told today, even if the "experts" say you have no right to challenge their authority.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
You will get your message across today, even though some people would like it better if you stayed silent.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Don't give up on something just because it is proving tougher than you expected.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
You know instinctively what is the right thing to say and you know beyond a shadow of a doubt that you have a duty to speak up.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
It might be tempting to interfere in someone else's business but the planets warn you will regret it if you do.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
With the Sun about to move in to your sign this is a great time for taking the initiative.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Don't push yourself too hard today. Persuade those you live and work with to shoulder more of the burden.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
If you want to be alone with your thoughts today that's fine: just go off by yourself for a while and let the world fend for itself.

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- 1953: 68% of all television sets in the United States are tuned in to I Love Lucy to watch Lucy give birth.
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